

MAY DAY AT SWEET BRIAR IS OBSERVED WITH FETE

Scene of Color and Beauty Presented by Old Boxwood Circle.

SUFFOLK GIRL CROWNED QUEEN

Miss Martha Darden Reviews Subjects—Miss Douglas Chelt, of Richmond, Is Among Flower Girls. Prominent Guests at College.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] SWEET BRIAR, VA., May 5.—May Day at Sweet Briar was celebrated on Monday, April 30. As usual upon this annual fete day, the old boxwood circle in front of Sweet Briar House presented a scene of beauty and colorful gaiety. The audience gathered from the neighboring cities and surrounding country and thronged the porches and balconies of Sweet Briar House to witness the pretty ceremonies with which the college celebrates the coming of May.

At the sound of singing in the distance the girls came striding into the circle dressed in graceful flowered costumes of the Anna Hathaway style. As they wandered in they gradually formed two straight lines leading up to the green flower-decked throne at the far end of the circle. The several hundred girls in their pale-hued dresses formed a charming background against which the Queen and all her royal court stood out with bewildering loveliness.

MISS DARDEN, OF SUFFOLK.

AN QUEEN OF MAY. To the music of Miss Queen's Greeting the royal procession of Sweet Briar's first came the maids, Misses Helen Beeson, of Columbus, Ohio; Mary Watts Hutton, of Portsmouth, Va.; Catherine Marshall, of Rock Island, Ill.; and Gertrude Moore, of Oak Park, Ill. Walking two and two and clad in dainty gowns of corn-flower blue and gold. They carried old-fashioned bouquets of corn-flowers and Sweetheart roses. After them came Miss Mildred Meek, of Trenton, N. J., presenter of the scepter, and she was followed by Misses Marie Dunham, of Germantown, Pa.; Madeline Sachs, of Hendersonville, N. C.; Katherine Kempner, of Lowry, of Brazil; Miss Martha Walker, of Charlotte, N. C., presenter of the garland, came next, and was followed by Misses Loma Burton, of Port Worth, Tex.; Cornelia Carroll, of Clarkdale, Miss.; Elizabeth Lee, of Trenton, N. J.; Edna Sloan, of Cleveland, Ohio; Miss Janetta Fitzhugh, the maid of honor to the Queen, preceded the four flower girls, Misses Josephine Payne, of Covington, Va.; Douglas Chelt, of Richmond; Gladys Lynn, of Lynchburg, and Olive Burton, of Port Worth, Tex.

Last entered the Queen, Miss Martha Darden, of Suffolk, in her blue and gold gown and long court train with her arms full of Marguerites and corn-flowers. Down the avenue of girls she passed. She mounted her throne and there was crowned, garlanded, and escorted, after which she rose and spoke to her subjects, thanking them for their loyalty and bidding them be merry for the rest of that festive day. Then followed various dances for the pleasure of the Queen and her court. The celebration closed with the dancing of several intricate and attractive May Pole dances, after which the royal procession filed out under rose-covered arches.

DANCE IN GREAT HALL.

CLOSED DAYS EXERCISES. Immediately after the exercises in the Boxwood Circle the audience adjourned to the hall where the annual outdoor pageant was presented by the students. The pageant took the form of interpretative dancing representing the story of the coming of spring, and expressing the spirit of the woods.

May Day ended, as usual, with a formal dance in the Great Hall.

Among the guests spending several days at the college are Rev. Carl Grammar and Mrs. Grammar, of Philadelphia; Mr. and Mrs. Howard Reif, Snyder, of Philadelphia; Mrs. A. G. Webb, of Cleveland; Mrs. George C. Hogg, of Pittsburgh; Mrs. R. M. Case, of Cleveland; Mrs. Lewis Mackall, of Washington; Arthur McCorrie, of Wilmington, Del.; Mrs. R. L. Gibson, of Charlotte, N. C.; Mrs. F. H. Hammond,

of Covington, and Mrs. Robert J. Walker, of Philadelphia. Dr. Emilie Watts McVea, Sweet Briar's distinguished president, recently addressed the Woman's Club of Richmond on "Woman and Democracy."

AMHERST

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] AMHERST, VA., May 5.—Mrs. R. M. Taliferro, Jr., of Lynchburg, visited relatives here last week. Miss Johnnie Hobson, of Coolidge, N. C., is the guest of her sister, Mrs. W. E. Sandidge.

Miss Felde Garland, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Garland, has returned to Lynchburg. Mrs. S. M. Wills was the week-end guest of Mrs. Tyree Dillard in Lynchburg.

Mrs. James Clark, of Charlottesville, spent Friday with her mother, Mrs. Annie P. Wood.

Miss Martha Robertson, of Richmond, spent the week-end here with her mother, Mrs. M. H. Robertson, who has been ill.

Rev. Gerald Payne left for West Virginia on Saturday, where he will assist in a revival.

Captain T. O. Troy spent Sunday in Philadelphia, on business.

Miss Harriet Evans spent the week-end with Miss Lucy Clark, near Charlottesville.

Rev. B. F. Griffith has gone to West Virginia, after conducting a revival at the Baptist Church here.

Miss Beverly Alcock spent Sunday with her parents near Clifford.

Miss Carrie Alcock, of Sweet Briar College, was a guest of Mrs. John M. Payne on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Robertson, of Emporia, are visiting Mrs. M. H. Robertson.

BLACKSBURG

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] BLACKSBURG, VA., May 5.—Miss Katherine Ellison, of Blue Ridge Springs, is the week-end guest of Miss Charlotte Mathews.

Mrs. Branch Bocock has returned from a visit to Charleston, S. C., and Winston-Salem, N. C.

Mrs. Loomis Kelly and young son of Norfolk, are guests of Colonel and Mrs. W. M. Brodie.

Miss Cornelia Womble has returned to her home in Norfolk after a visit here to Captain and Mrs. C. C. Carson.

Miss Mira Penick, a student at the Virginia Business College, Lynchburg, this session, returned to her home here on Wednesday.

Miss Emma Wiley, of Salem, is spending several weeks in Blacksburg as the guest of Dr. and Mrs. W. F. Henderson.

Dr. J. William Semones, of Danville, is visiting his sister, Mrs. Frank W. Eheart.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Shippey and son and Miss Sarah Krapp, of Sunbury, Pa., are guests of Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Brosius.

CULPEPER

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] CULPEPER, VA., May 5.—At a meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of St. Mark's Parish, held on Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Silas Cooper, the annual election of officers took place. Mrs. S. Russell Smith was elected president. Mrs. Cooper, vice-president; Miss George Wager, secretary; and Mrs. J. J. Roberts, treasurer. The meeting was presided over by the outgoing president, Mrs. Byrd Leavell.

Mrs. Leslie Nalle, of Elkwood Farm, was the guest of relatives here this week on route to Isle of Wight County where she will visit Mr. and Mrs. Walker Pegram Warren, at "Dacon's Cape" near Smithfield.

Captain Benjamin Dennis, chaplain of the Second Virginia Regiment, who has been here on recruiting duty for the past two weeks and has also visited Manassas and other towns in the interest of his mission, was one of the speakers at the Patriotic Rally held on the Court Green to-day. On last Tuesday Captain Dennis made an address before the local Red Cross Association.

Miss Bird Law and Miss Nan Woolfork have been spending part of this week with Mr. and Mrs. Bert Woolfork, in Washington.

Mrs. William A. Bickers and little Miss Jacqueline Bickers, left on Wednesday for a visit to the former's sister, Mrs. Ritchie, in Pittsburgh.

Mrs. Blanche Dove is spending the month of May with her cousin, Mrs. Rosie Lester and other relatives in Washington.

Miss Hull, of New York, arrived to-

day to visit Mr. and Mrs. Axel Sommer.

Miss Alice Bette Starke, of "Liberty Hall," this country, left Thursday for Louisa County, where she will join Miss Lucie Starke for a visit to relatives.

Miss Margaret Roberts was hostess to the Five Hundred Club and several additional guests on Tuesday. Four tables of the game were arranged.

Miss Sue Wigginton, of "Arlington," is spending the week with her cousin, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Walte.

Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Clark and two sons, who have been spending the winter and spring in Culpeper, removed to their farm near Stevensburg this week.

Mrs. George McKay, of Washington, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Raleigh T. Green at "Green-Lawn."

Mrs. Anna Hill, who has been spending the winter here, left this week for a visit of several weeks to relatives at her former home in Blakely, W. Va.

William A. Porter, who was the guest last week of Dr. Hugh Hill in Madison County, visited relatives here this week and at Novum. He will shortly return to his home in Norfolk.

Mrs. Agnew Winfree, of Richmond, is visiting her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Carrington Watkins.

LOUISA

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] LOUISA, VA., May 5.—Miss Josephine Hill was the guest for several days this week of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Crank at their home here.

The closing exercises of the Buckner High School were held on Thursday, followed by a class play that night. A number of Louisa people attended.

Planting Day will be celebrated here Monday, May 14. Superintendent of Public Instruction R. C. Stearnes and Miss Edith A. Roberts, specialist in home economics, are expected to participate.

The Louisa chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy will entertain the Fifth District delegates here on May 16 and 17. An interesting program has been arranged.

Dr. and Mrs. Lynn Chiles, of Auburn, N. Y., are visiting relatives here.

V. P. I.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] BLACKSBURG, VA., May 5.—H. H. Hill executive secretary of the Alumni Association of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute has issued the following notice to former students in all parts of the country: "Because of the unsettled condition of affairs in the country, occasioned by the state of war, and the fact that 50 per cent. of the senior class—as well as a number of the juniors, freshmen and sophomores, will leave college in May to attend the instruction camp at Fort Meyer, the present session will end Thursday, May 31. On that date President Eggleston will deliver diplomas to such members of the graduating class as remain and it is hoped that President Harrison of the Southern Railway, will deliver an address to the graduates. Some military exercises will likely be held that day, but all other commencement exercises will be canceled. This announcement is made with real regret as there was every reason to believe that the big reunion planned for June 12, would be the largest in the history of the association. However, there will be a big V. P. I. 'Home Coming' after the war."

About ninety members of the student body at V. P. I., including seniors and undergraduates who were able to meet the requirements as to age and to stand the physical examination, will leave May 19, for the instruction camp at Fort Meyer. Captain C. C. Carson, commandant of cadets, examined 124 men for the training camp, a few of these being students from Emory and

Henry College, who came here for this purpose.

Two addresses were made to the students this week by alumni of the college who have made good in their professions. Tuesday night R. Stuart Royer, city manager of Fredericksburg, spoke in German Club Hall on "City Planning and Municipal Government," and W. P. Faus, president of the Gulf Smokeless Coal Company, of West Virginia, made an address on "Electric Machinery for Mines" Thursday night.

The V. I. Summer School will begin its sessions on Monday, June 4, and continue for six weeks. The call for the services of the students on the farms and the absence of others at the training camp will probably reduce the attendance at the summer school, but the authorities decided that it would be best to hold the usual term in order not to disappoint those who may find it to their advantage to attend.

RADFORD NORMAL

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] RADFORD, VA., May 5.—The American school Peace League, of which Professor J. E. Arent is secretary of the Virginia branch, usually observes "Peace Day" on May 18. In view of the great international conflict, the national secretary advises that the program on May 18 might well be a combination of exercises emphasizing national service and "plans for permanent peace" after the present war, omitting talks about "the horrors of war or the cost of war." It is, therefore, advised that all the schools observe "Peace Day," May 18, in accordance with the above suggestions.

Mrs. E. E. Copenhaver, of Marion, delivered an address before the Young Women's Christian Association at the normal school on Wednesday on the various forms of social service that are now open to young women in their home community. The Young Women's Christian Association will offer

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The Student Government Association

recently elected officers for the coming year.

Professor J. E. Arent made an address at the closing of the New River School on Wednesday night.

The Appalachian School Improvement Foundation, under the direction of Professor William E. Gilbert, is receiving a large number of calls for lecturers and speakers for this spring.

He is usually able to fill all these engagements from the large list of speakers that he has available.

Dr. J. P. McConnell will, on next Wednesday night, deliver the address at the close of the Floyd High School. Much interest in better schools is being manifested in Floyd County, and a number of high schools are now in process of development.

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